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FROM:

1/21/2012

Mr. Kevin Hanna

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TO:

MARLENE H. DORTCH SEC.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON DC 20554

DEAR MRS DORTCH, I AM WRITING
YOU IN REGARD TO THE NFL BLACKOUT
RULE THAT IS UNDER REVIEW NOW.

I'M WRITING AS A FAN OF THE
NFL WHO HAS FOLLOWED THE SPORT
FOR OVER 40 YEARS NOW.

I UNDERSTAND THE NFL'S POSITION;
THEY WANT SELL OUTS FOR EVERY GAME,
SO THEY THREATEN THE PUBLIC TO GET
WHAT THEY WANT. I'M HANDICAPPED AND
CAN'T GO TO THE BUFFALO BILLS GAMES.
I CAN ONLY WATCH THEM ON
TV. AS A TAXPAYER I HELP
PAY FOR THE STADIUM.
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE
THE GAMES. PLEASE END THE
BLACKOUTS!! THANK YOU, *Kevin Hanna*




Just a note...

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Marlene H Dorch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commissioner
Office of the Secretary
445 15th Street, SW
Washington DC 20554

Dear Mrs Dorch:

We are writing to you in regards
to the blackout rule.

We feel it should be stopped.
There are many people who cannot
go to the games. They either can't
afford it, or are unable to, due
to physical problems. The only way
the games can be seen & enjoyed
are in our own homes on television.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Alma Pierce
Spencer Pierce

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MS. DORTCH.

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IVIDUAL MARKETS. BUFFALO

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BILL FANS ARE DISADVANTAGED

BECAUSE THE BILLS STADIUM
IS LARGER THAN MOST.

THIS LEADS TO A GREATER
THAN AVERAGE AMOUNT OF
BLACKOUTS.

-THANK YOU

PAUL E. COVELL

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MARLENE DORTCH, SECRETARY

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MARK SAUNDERS
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TONAWANDA
New York
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Dear Sir:

CONCERNING THE BLACKOUT

RULE FOR NFL Games, SIR YOU SHOULD
ELIMINATE THIS UNFAIR RULE, WHICH DOES
NOT PROVIDE FOR INDIVIDUAL SOLUTIONS
TO DIFFERENT LOCAL MARKETS. ALSO SIR
BILLS FANS ARE HIT WITH MORE THAN
THOSE OF OTHER TEAMS BY THE BLACKOUT
RULE.

LAST YEAR ALMOST HALF OF THE
BILLS HOME GAME WERE BLACKOUT.

THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE.

THANK YOU
m. saunders

SUN JAN 22, 2012

MARLENE H DORTCH, SECRETARY
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DEAR SECRETARY DORTCH,

I AM WRITTING TODAY TO ASK YOU PLEASE DO AWAY WITH
THE NFL BLACKOUT WHEN GAMES ARE NOT SOLD OUT. I TRIED FOR
NEARLY AN HOUR TO USE [HTTP://FIALLFOS.FCC.GOV/ECFS2](http://fiallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2) BUT IT WAS
ALL GREEK TO ME AND I COULD NOT FIGURE OUT HOW TO LEAVE MY COMMENT.

THE REASON FOR MY DESIRE TO HAVE THESE BLACKOUTS STOPPED
IS HOW DISCRIMINATORY THEY ARE TO DISABLED PEOPLE. MY MOM WAS IN
A WHEELCHAIR WITH SEVERE COMPLICATIONS OF DIABETES AND IT WAS
SIMPLY NOT POSSIBLE FOR HER TO GO TO A GAME. I COULD NOT
UNDERSTAND WHY SHE WOULD GET SO UPSET AND TEARFUL UNTIL
I DEVELOPED A FORM OF DYSTROPHY AND NOW IT IS NOT POSSIBLE
FOR ME TO GO TO GAMES.

I AM SURE THIS RULE AFFECTS THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE LIKE US
WHO HAVE NO OTHER OPTION BUT TV TO SEE OUR BELOVED TEAMS.
PLEASE HELP US ALL IF YOU CAN!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONCERN,

Jeane

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January 23, 2012

Dear Secretary:

I am close to 80 yrs. old and am an avid football fan. When I was younger I used to go to games we had season tickets. My son passed away in 2007. I am quite Arthritic now and unable to attend games like I used to. I think it would be great to do away with the black out of games when they are not sold out. There are many people who are shut ins and elderly who would be very grateful to be able to see all of the games.

Thank you for hearing me.
Jane Baudet

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I am writing to comment on the blackout rule. I would love to see it eliminated. We enjoyed the Bills for many years & now we are in our 70's & it is difficult to walk from our cars to our seats so I gave up our season tickets. We look forward every Sunday for the Bills on T.V. I believe it's very unfair to Black it Out. Like I said the Blackout Rule should definitely be eliminated.

Thank You
Kathleen Pulos

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COMMISSIONERS,
FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION
445 12th STREET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

DEAR SIRs:

WE NEED TO ABOLISH THE RULE THAT FORCES CABLE AND SATELLITE PROVIDERS TO BLACK OUT GAMES WHEN THEY DON'T SELL OUT.

THE NOTION THAT SUCH A CHANGE WILL CAUSE A MAJOR DROP IN TICKET PURCHASES IS POPPYCOCK. HERE IN BUFFALO, WHEN WE HAD GOOD TEAMS, WE REGULARLY FILLED OUR STADIUM EVEN THOUGH THE GAME WAS ON TV PROVES MY POINT.

HOWEVER, WHEN A TEAM IS PLAYING POORLY LESS TICKETS ARE SOLD. THAT IS TRUE WITH A BROADWAY PLAY AS WELL AS FOOTBALL GAMES.

WHAT YOU SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER IS THAT, FOR EXAMPLE HERE IN BUFFALO, TAXPAYER FUNDS BUILT THE STADIUM, MILLIONS MORE HAVE MAINTAINED THE FACILITY AND NOW THE OWNER OF THE BILLS TEAM IS ASKING TAXPAYERS TO COUGH UP 100 MILLION MORE TO REHAB THE FACILITY.

THEREFORE, SUCH GENEROUS OUTLAYS OF TAXPAYER FUNDS TO A TEAM OWNER, ESPECIALLY AT A TIME WHEN PUBLIC FUNDS ARE CUT FOR THE SICK, LAME AND POOR, WOULD SEEM TO DICTATE THAT THOSE TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE SHELLED OUT FOR YEARS SHOULD AT LEAST BE ABLE TO VIEW THEIR TEAM ON TV WHEN THEY DON'T HAVE THE WEREWITHAL TO BUY TICKETS.

THEREFORE, I RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT THE FCC COMMISSIONERS PUT THE DECADES OLD BAN ON CABLE AND SATELLITE PROVES IN THE DUST BIN.

SINCERELY,



HERBERT B. MOSHER

JANUARY 21, 2012

Michael T. Mikos
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January 21, 2012

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Marlene;

I wish to voice my support for what we hope is a favorable ruling by the FCC, to abolish what is considered an unfair rule that forces cable and satellite providers to block out sporting events.

Our football stadium in the Buffalo, NY area has an unusually large capacity (6000 more than the average league) making it difficult to get a sellout.


An historic settlement with the NFL last year provides for distribution of monies in excess of **NINE BILLION** dollars to team owners.

Blackening out games due to lack of "sellouts", thereby denying television access to fans is one more level of greed by wealthy owners. To encourage full stadiums, teams might consider a more competitive pricing structure.

We are all encouraged the FCC has agreed to visit this issue and hopefully, rule in favor of football fans who are average hard working Americans .

Thank You.

Best Regards,


Michael T. Mikos

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Andrew Kulikowsky
707 Monroe Ave.
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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch,

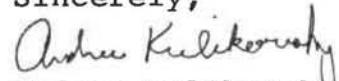
I recently read the article in the Buffalo News regarding the changing of the NFL's television blackout rule.

I cannot emphasize strongly enough how much I would like to see this patently unfair rule done away with.

It is not right that taxpayers should have their pockets picked by billionaire team owners for stadium upkeep and renovation, while getting absolutely nothing in return.

I look forward to the day when we long-suffering fans get something back for our involuntary contributions.

Sincerely,


Andrew Kulikowsky

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To: Marlene H. Dorch, Secretary
Federal Communications Comm.
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We support Rep. Brian Higgins of Buffalo's efforts to change the laws restricting the NFL's television contracts that bar local stations from airing games that are not sold out 72 hours before Kickoff. Buffalo Bills' fans who are senior citizens often can not attend home games because of handicaps. These are the same people who years ago did attend home games and still are fans but are blacked out when the stadium is not sold out.

We appreciate Rep. Higgins' consideration of Bill's supporters who are missing games on television because of unfair rules that should be updated.

Thank you. Mr & Mrs Wm
Harford (over)

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SATURDAY NIGHT

JANUARY 21, 2012

7:00 P.M.

MR. MARLENE H. DORTCH, SECRETARY
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
445 12th STREET SW

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

DEAR M. DORTCH AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
THERE HAS BEEN NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS
ABOUT THE TELEVISION NATIONAL
FOOTBALL LEAGUE BLACKOUT RULE,
ESPECIALLY HERE IN THE BUFFALO, N.Y.
AREA.

REGARDLESS IF A GAME IS SOLD OUT
OR NOT IT SHOULD BE ALWAYS TELEvised
ESPECIALLY TO THIS NOT SO GOOD
ECONOMIC AREA WHERE THERE IS NOT
MANY JOBS.

PEOPLE WHO WATCH THE BUFFALO BILLS
IN THIS AREA ON TELEVISION WHENEVER
THEY PLAY HOME OR AWAY IF THEY
PLAY HOME THE QUESTION IS, IS THE GAME
A SELL OUT 73 HOURS BEFORE IT
STARTS? (Combopg. 2)

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POLITICIANS AS WELL AS THE FANS OF THE BUFFALO BILLS FIND IT UNACCEPTABLE IF THE GAME IS AUTOMATICALLY BLACKED OUT IF IT ^{IS} NOT SOLD OUT 72 HOURS BEFORE IT STARTS.

WE WANT ALL OUR GAMES BOTH HOME AS WELL AS AWAY TO BE SHOWN TO THIS BUFFALO AREA.

THERE IS A LOT OF MONEY INVOLVED IN THIS FRANCHISE OF THE BUFFALO BILLS,

WHAT CAN THE F.C.C. DO TO STOP THE GAMES AT HOME IF THEY ARE NOT SOLD OUT 72 HOURS BEFORE KICKOFF?

YOURS TRULY
Edward F. Bayen